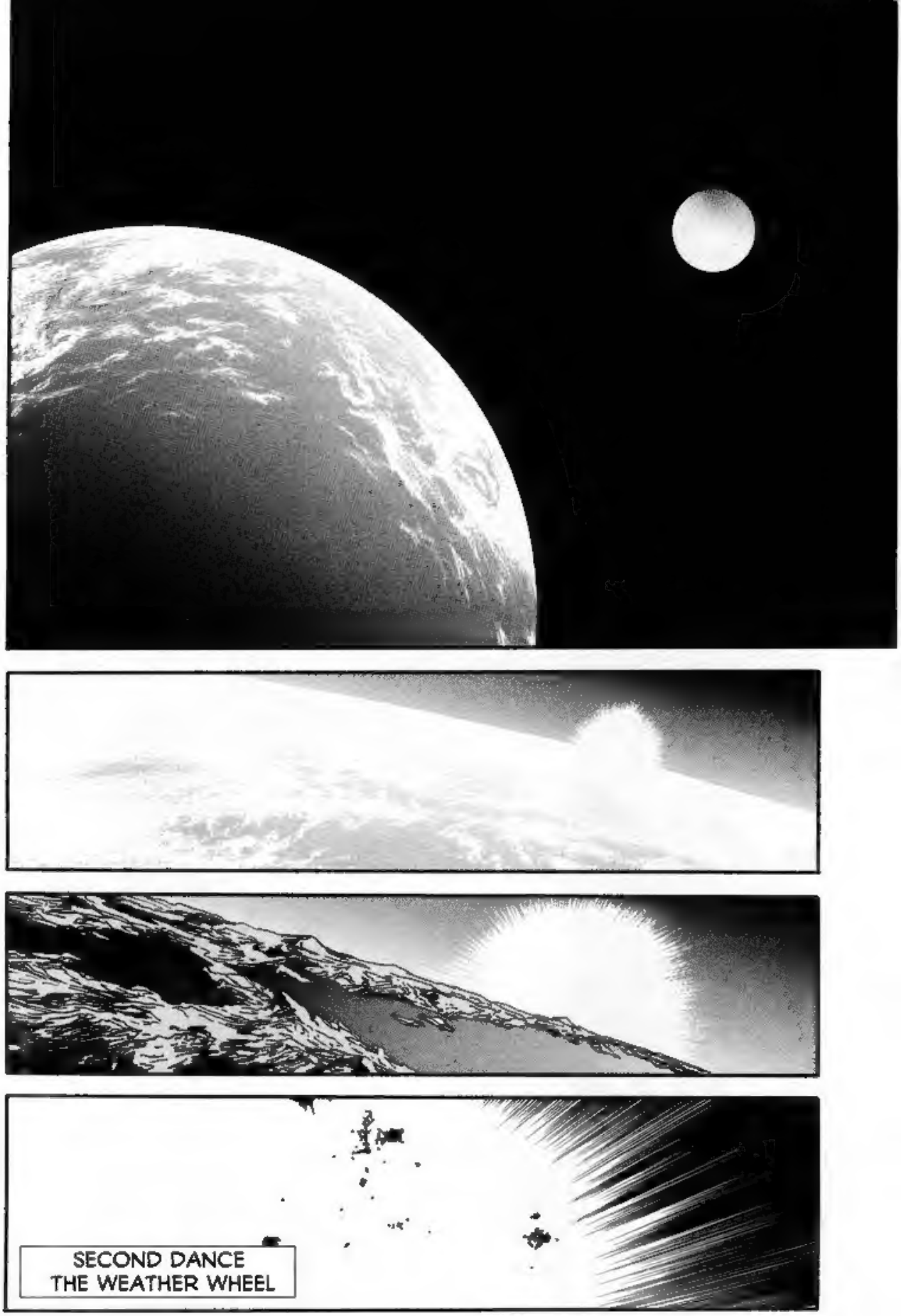
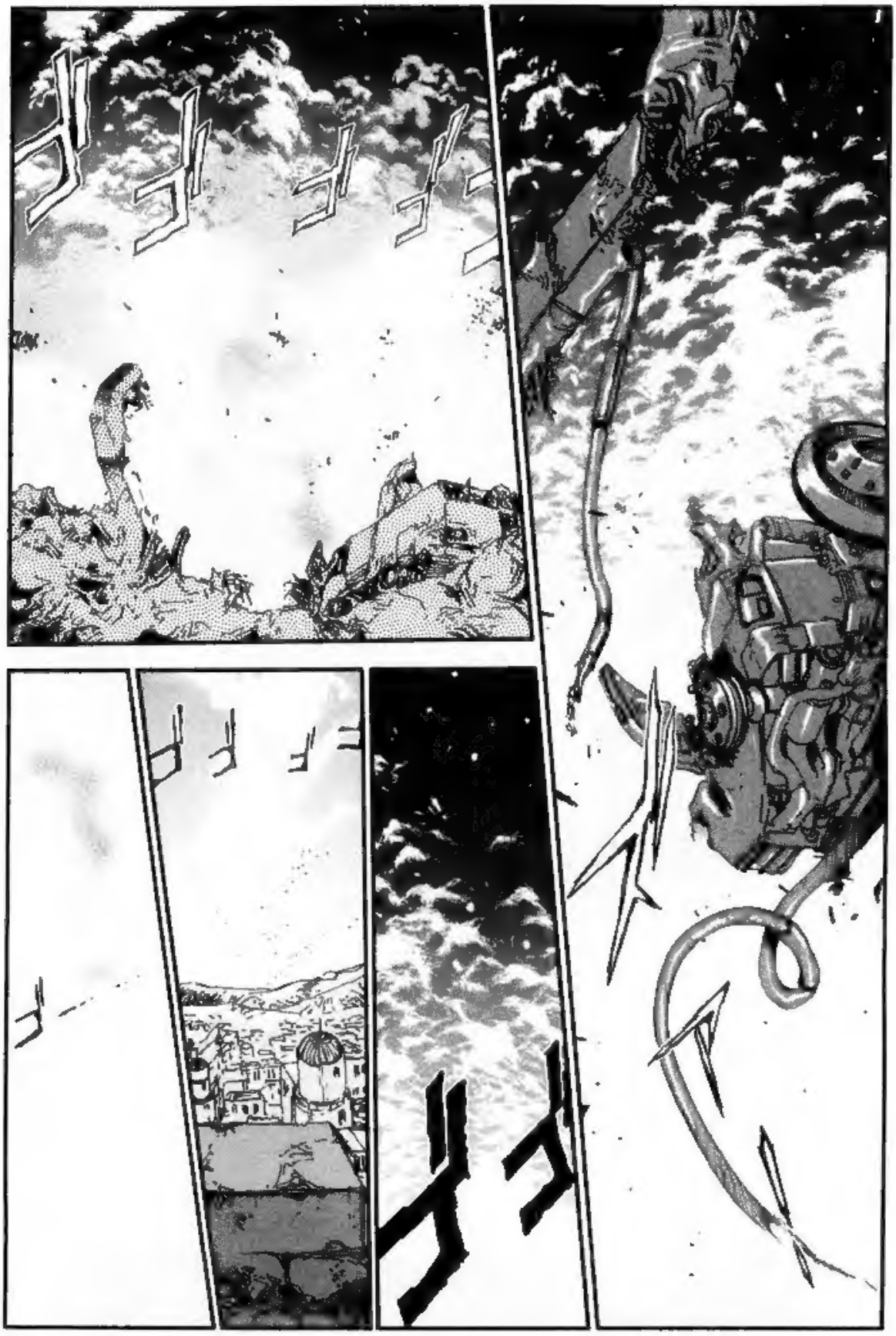
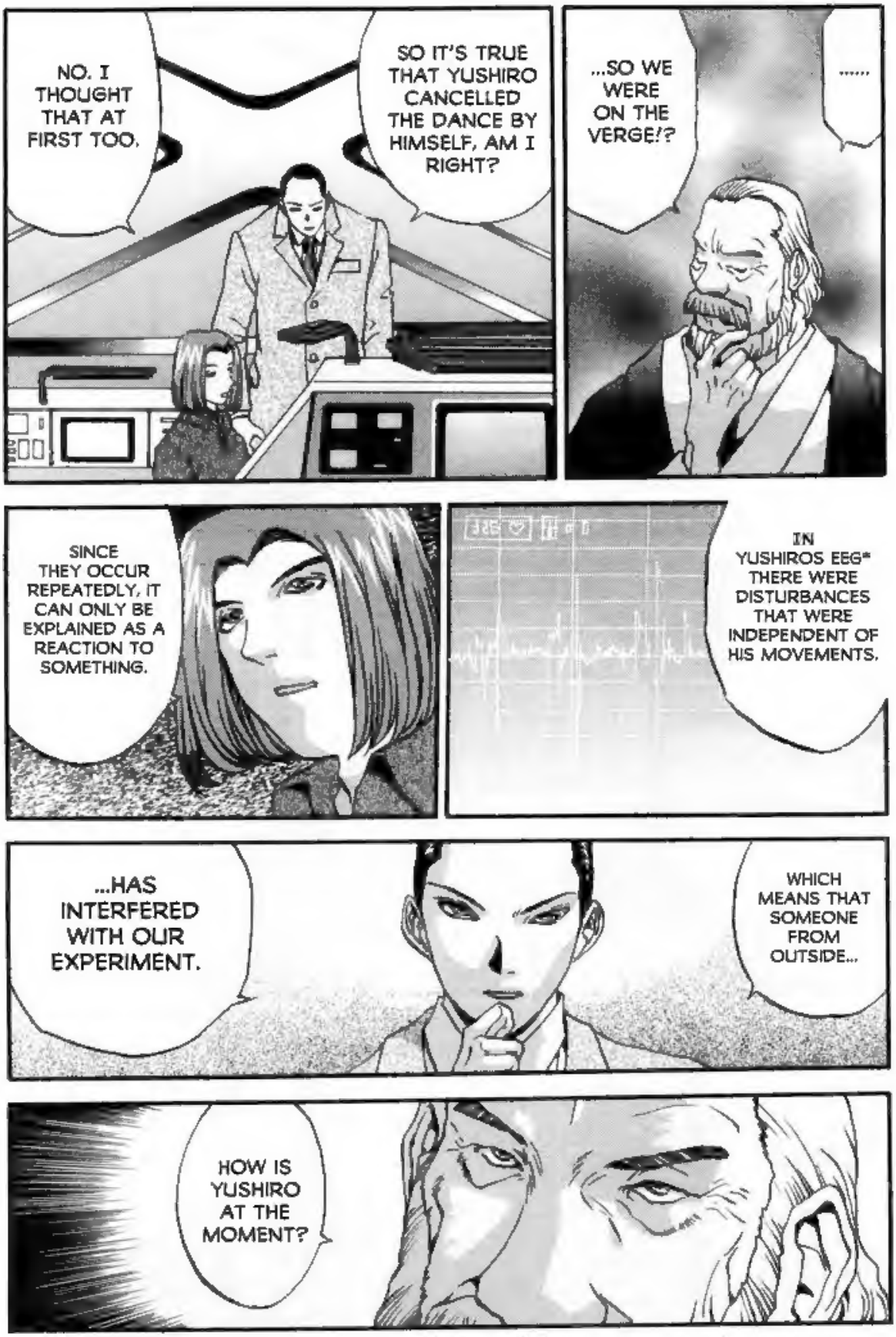

SECOND DANCE
THE WEATHER WHEEL



IN CORRELATION WITH THE MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION, IT'S SUSPECTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF BEGILSTAN HAS TESTED A POSSIBLE WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION.
AMERICA HAS NOT ONLY SHARPLY CRITICIZED THE ATTITUDE OF THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT, BUT ALSO STARTED THE DEPLOYMENT OF AN INTERVENTION FORCE.

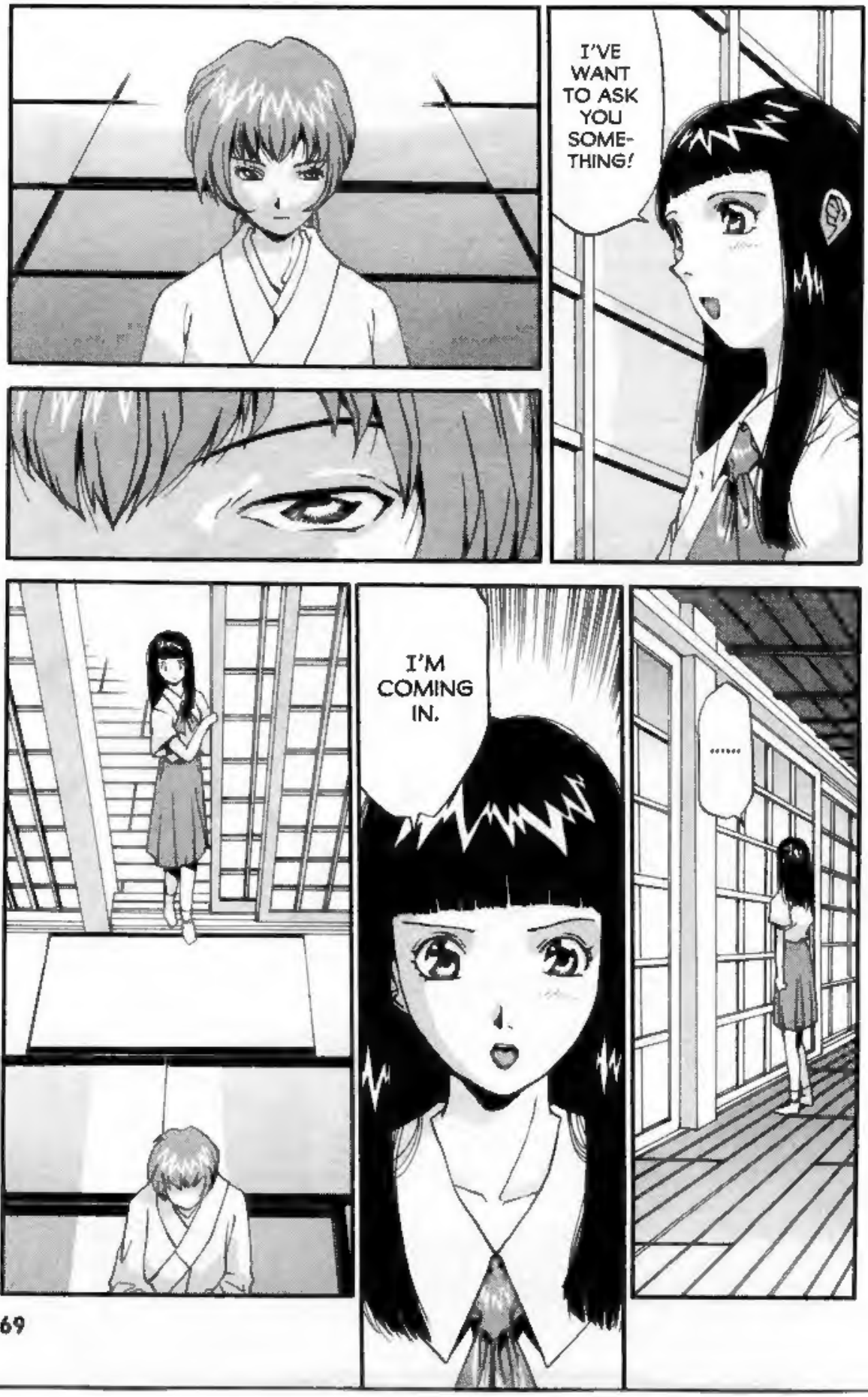
THE COUNTRIES BORDERING BEGILSTAN HAVE ALSO PLACED CRITICISM ON AMERICA.
...THEN WE WOULD HAVE DEFINITELY REACHED THE FINAL STAGE.
BY THE WAY, KIYOTSUGU, IF YUSHIRO HAD DANCED TO END ...
THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE GOLF WAR IN THE NINETIES.
... SO IT'S BEGUN.
THIS IS THE TRANSITIONAL PATTERN OF THE ENERGY READINGS FROM THE EXPERIMENT.


NO. I THOUGHT THAT AT FIRST TOO.
SO IT'S TRUE THAT YUSHIRO CANCELLED THE DANCE BY HIMSELF, AM I RIGHT?
...SO WE WERE ON THE VERGE!?
.....
SINCE THEY OCCUR REPEATEDLY, IT CAN ONLY BE EXPLAINED AS A REACTION TO SOMETHING.
IN YUSHIROS EEG* THERE WERE DISTURBANCES THAT WERE INDEPENDENT OF HIS MOVEMENTS.
...HAS INTERFERED WITH OUR EXPERIMENT.
WHICH MEANS THAT SOMEONE FROM OUTSIDE...
HOW IS YUSHIRO AT THE MOMENT?

*AN ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAM (EEG) IS A TEST THAT DETECTS ELECTRICAL ACTIVITY IN YOUR BRAIN

HE DOESN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT YET.
DON'T CALL IT BACK...
...THE TERROR!

...WHO WAS THAT WOMAN?
WHO AM...
...I?
BROTHER, IT'S ME!

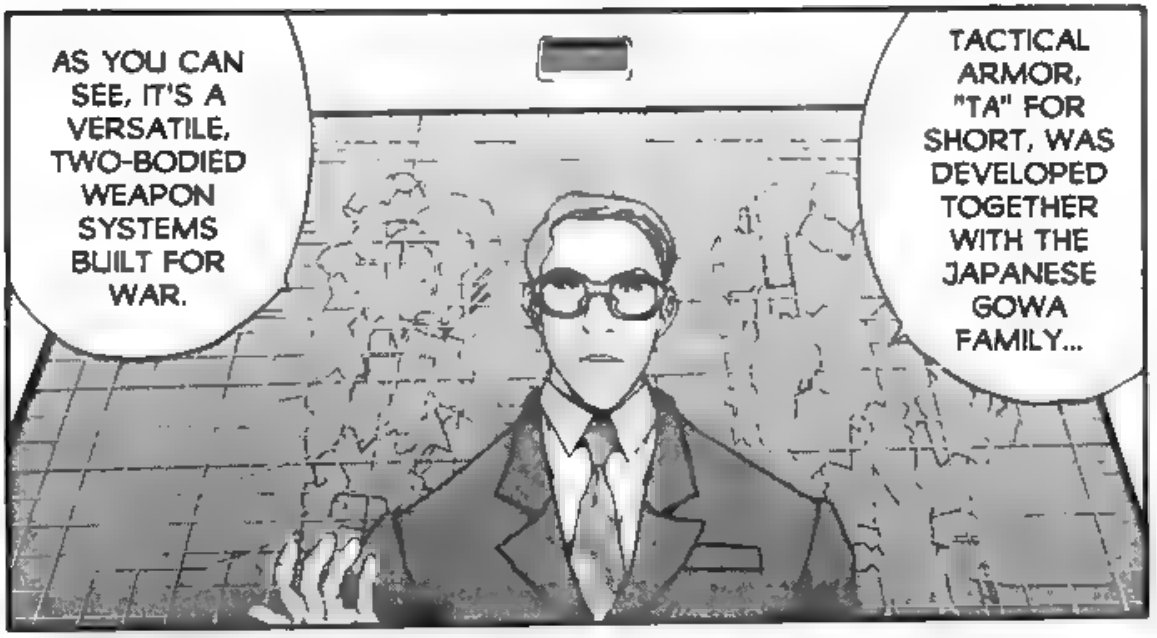

I'VE WANT TO ASK YOU SOME-THING!
I'M COMING IN.
.....

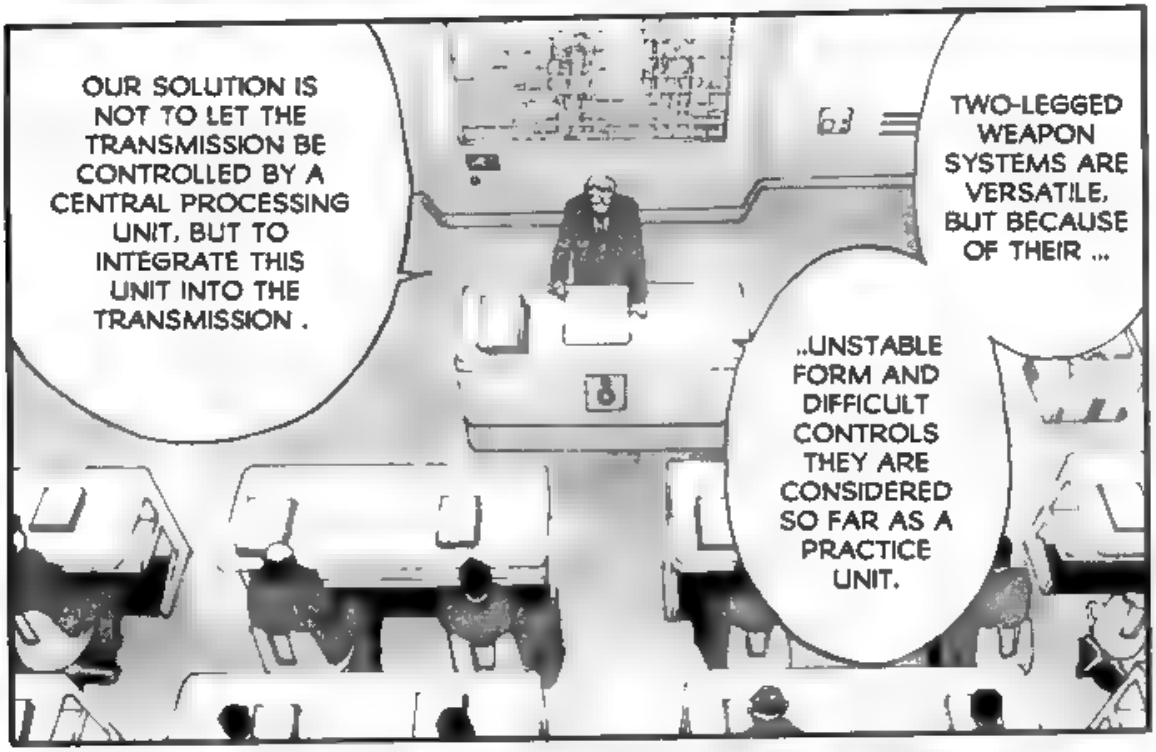
BROTHER, KAZUKIYO HAS FORBIDDEN ME TO COME HERE.
...BUT WHY? NEITHER FATHER ...
...NOR MY OTHER BROTHERS... WILL EXPLAIN ANYTHING TO ME.
YOU MUST BE LONELY ALL BY YOURSELF.
WHY? YOU WENT WITH THE ARMY ALONE...
...AND DID THE NOH DANCES FOR SOME KIND OF EXPERIMENT ...WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?
EVEN IF YOU COME HOME FROM TIME TO TIME...
...NO ONE SAYS NICE WORDS TO YOU. AND THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A FAMILY?

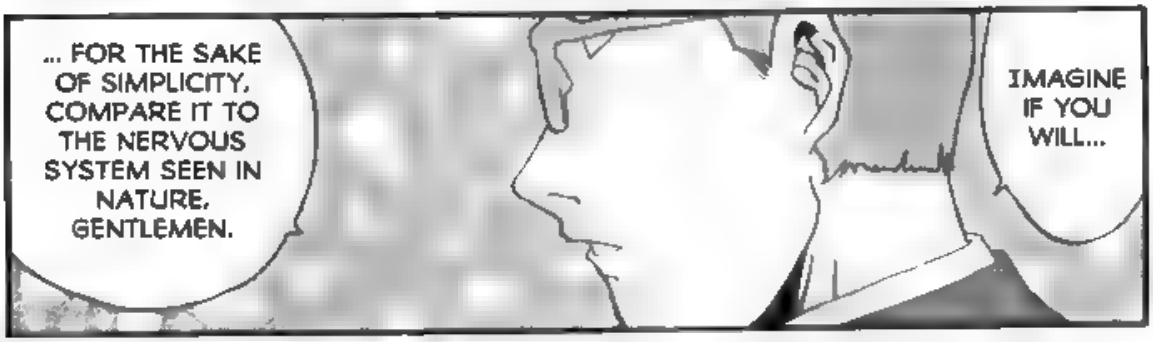
PLEASE, DON'T FEEL SORRY FOR ME!
I WANT TO GET BACK SOME-THING...
...WHICH WAS LOST.

I AM THE FIRST IN LINE..
IT IS A 1000 YEAR OLD WISH FOR THE HOUSE GOWA.
NO!
...FOR HOUSE AND SECOND IN LINE FOR FAMILY.
BECAUSE OF SOME-THING ...!
...BEAR EVERY-THING YOUR-SELF!!
BUT YOU CAN'T ...

MISUZU! WEREN'T YOU TOLD NOT TO COME HERE!?


AS YOU CAN SEE, IT'S A VERSATILE, TWO-BODIED WEAPON SYSTEMS BUILT FOR WAR.
TACTICAL ARMOR, "TA" FOR SHORT, WAS DEVELOPED TOGETHER WITH THE JAPANESE GOWA FAMILY...

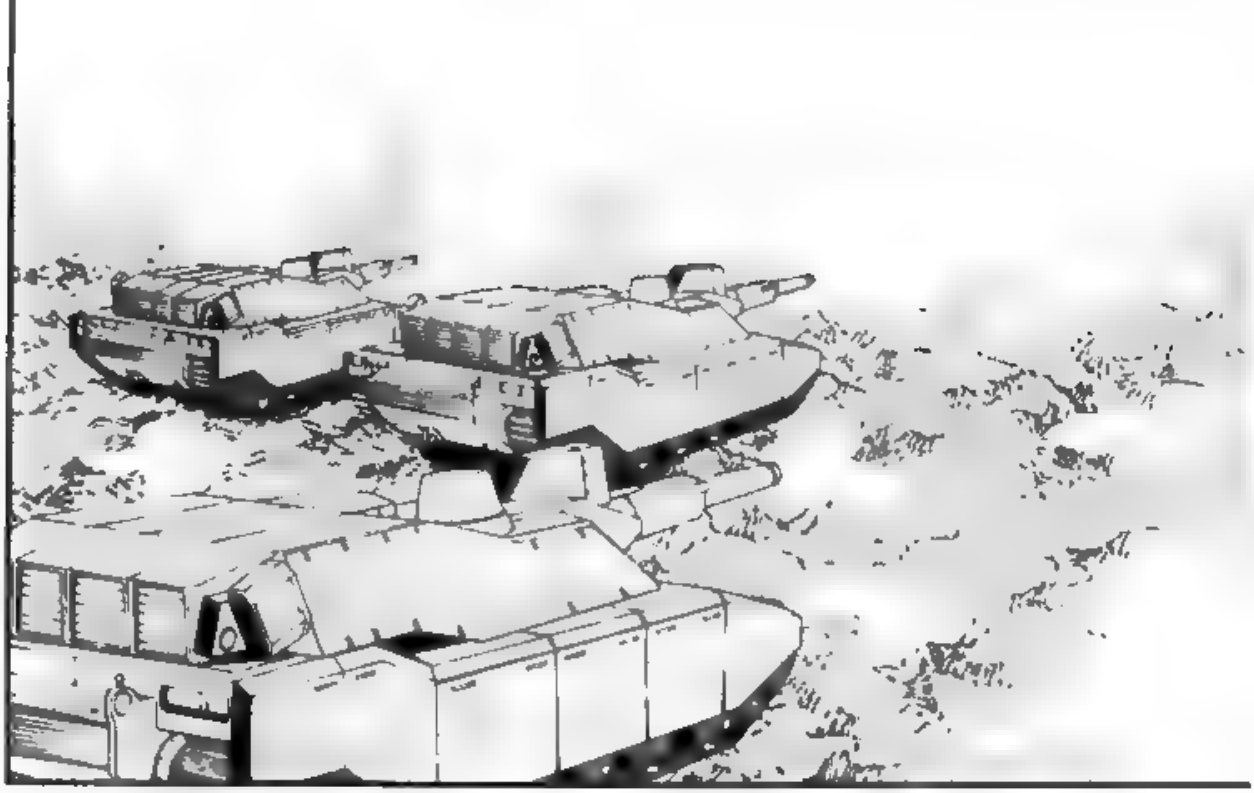

OUR SOLUTION IS NOT TO LET THE TRANSMISSION BE CONTROLLED BY A CENTRAL PROCESSING UNIT, BUT TO INTEGRATE THIS UNIT INTO THE TRANSMISSION .
TWO-LEGGED WEAPON SYSTEMS ARE VERSATILE, BUT BECAUSE OF THEIR ...
..UNSTABLE FORM AND DIFFICULT CONTROLS THEY ARE CONSIDERED SO FAR AS A PRACTICE UNIT.

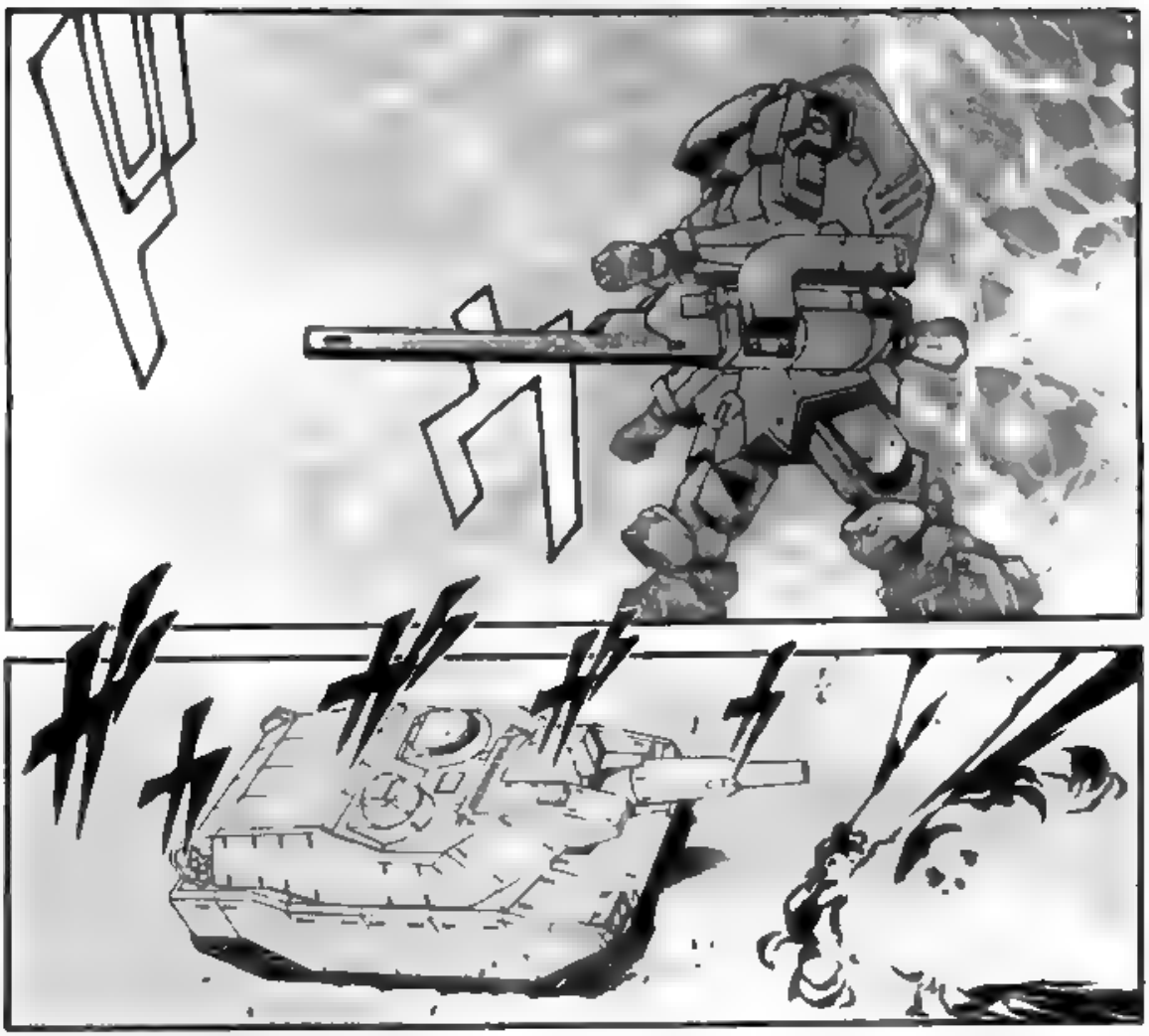

... FOR THE SAKE OF SIMPLICITY, COMPARE IT TO THE NERVOUS SYSTEM SEEN IN NATURE, GENTLEMEN.
IMAGINE IF YOU WILL...

DURING MY LECTURE THEY ALL SEEMED VERY SCEPTIC.
HOW DID THEY REACT, KIYOHARU?
.....
WE CALL THIS DRIVE SYSTEM "ADAPTIVE SYNTHETIC MUSCLES".
...SINCE WE DEMONSTRATED IT'S SUPERIOR FIGHTING POWER AGAINST A TANK THEY ALL SUDDENLY LIKED THE TA. YUSHIRO DID A GOOD JOB!
WE HAD THOSE MILITARY TYPES AFTER THE EXERCISE GROUND ...
NOW WE JUST HAVE TO...
...CONVINCE THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL FOR A DEPLOYMENT.

HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE EXPLOSION IN CENTRAL ASIA SO HE ANALYZED IT
THE PHYSICAL DATA OF THE EXPLOSION IS LIKE THAT OF OUR EXPERIMENT ON THE STONE PLATFORM.
KIYOTSUGU CONTACTED ME.
.....
WHICH MEANS THAT THERE IS SOME-ONE..
...WHO PURSUES THE SAME GOAL AS US!
..THAT THE ARMY OF BEGILSTAN HAS WEAPONS THAT ARE SIMILAR TO THE TA.
AND AN ANALYSIS OF THE BATTLE OF THE COALITION FORCES IN BEGILSTAN SUGGESTS...

THIS IS A VERY PRESSING MATTER.





THIS EUPHORIA... IT'S SIMILAR TO THAT FEELING ON THE STONE PLATFORM...!

YES, THEY ARE BECOMING MORE AND MORE POWERFUL.
BUT MANY FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES REMAIN UNSOLVED.
...WHY DO THE SYNTHETIC MUSCLES REACT ONLY TO YUSHIRO? THIS INFLUENCE CAN ALSO BE SEEN IN OTHER TA.
MILE 1...

THE COMPLEX GIANT MOLECULES OF MILE 1 ARE NOTHING LIKE DNA MOLECULES!
MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE!
THERE'S TOO MANY UNDE-FINED FACTORS!
DOES THAT MEAN WE ARE COMPLETELY POWER-LESS?
THEORETICALLY, IF WE COULD FIND A COMPLETE STRUCTURE WE WOULD BE ABLE TO SPECULATE ITS ORIGINAL FORM.
WE CAN MAKE MILE 1, BUT KUGAI IS IMPOSSIBLE!
UNFORTU-NATELY, OUR SAMPLE LACKS CERTAIN INFORMATION.
... THAT WE COULD RESTORE THE KUGAI IF THE INFORMATION WAS COMPLETE, RIGHT?
THIS MEANS ...

YES. THAT'S HOW IT IS FOR NOW!
...SO WE CAN'T PROGRESS ANY FURTHER!?
IT IS IN THE TRADITION OF THE GOWA:
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO REPLACE THE MISSING INFORMATION WITH THE HELP OF YUSHIRO?
... TRUE DARKNESS WILL COME "- THAT'S HOW IT'S ALWAYS BEEN IN OUR HOUSE.
"WHEN KUGAI AND GAI ENTER INTO BATTLE....

THE WEATHER WHEEL.
...BUT THAT WAS A PRETTY LONG TIME AGO.
MY FATHER WOULD HOLD ME UP SO I COULD SPIN IT...

...THE WHEEL?
SPIN ...
IT WAS USED EARLIER TO PREDICT THE WEATHER.
ME?
WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A GO?
DO YOU HAVE A WISH?
MISU ZU...
BUT I REMEMBER YOU USED TO THINK THAT SPINNING THE WHEEL WOULD GRANT WISHES TO THOSE WHO SPIN IT!

GIVE ME...
...JUST ONE PROMISE!
.....
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT...
...IT JUST SEEMS TO FALL APART.
NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO...
...YOU MUST..
...DEFINITELY COMING BACK!
IS THAT ALL?
WHY ONLY ...ONLY YOU FEEL SORRY FOR ME!

NO MATTER ...HOW MUCH YOU...
...NO MATTER HOW MUCH...
.....!

I JUST FEEL...
... THAT THERE ...
... IS SOME-THING.
JUST DON'T WORRY!
I...
I DOUBT I'LL EVEN SEE MUCH COMBAT!
I'M ONLY BEING SENT OUT FOR TRIALS ANYWAY!